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TAGS: OAS, SHUM, MX
SUBJECT: MEXICAN POSITION AT OASGA

REF: STATE 103851

1. ON 26 APRIL EMB OFFICERS MET WITH BOTH AMB. SERGIO GOLZALEZ GALVEZ, GOM DIRECTOR-IN-CHIEF FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND HIS DEPUTY REYNALDO CALDERON FRANCO TO REVIEW REQUEST IN REFTEL. BOTH GONZALEZ GALVEZ, AND CALDERON FRANCO IN A SEPARATE MEETING, INDICATED THAT MEXICO WILL ASSUME ITS TRADITIONAL POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AT THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. WHILE MEXICO IS A STRONG SUPPORTER OF THE IAHRC, GONZALEZ DOES NOT BELIEVE MEXICO WILL OR SHOULD BECOME INVOLVED IN ANY INTERNAL WRANGLING ON HUMAN RIGHTS AT NEXT OASGA.

2. EMBOFFS ASKED GONZALEZ IF MEXICO MIGHT SIGN THE AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. HE INDICATED GOM WOULD PROBABLY SIGN BUT ONLY AFTER APPROVAL BY MEXICAN SENATE WHEN IT MEETS IN SEPTEMBER. WHILE RECOGNIZING THE SYMBOLIC VALUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS TREATIES, GONZALEZ
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SAID HE THOUGHT THE USG GAVE TOO MUCH IMPORTANCE TO THE SIGNATURE OF FORMAL DOCUMENTS (EVEN USSR CAN ACCEPT HUMAN RIGHTS AGREEMENTS) AND SHOULD DEVOTE MORE ENERGY TO DEVISING EFFECTIVE MECHANISMS FOR PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY.

3. GONZALEZ ASKED EMBOFFS WHY THE USOAS MISSION HAD NOT

REPLIED TO THE GOM NOTE REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR HIS CANDIDACY FOR THE INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE. HE SAID ONLY THE US AND HAITI HAVE NOT RESPONDED. EMB OFFICERS SAID THAT THEY WERE PLEASED TO HEAR OF HIS CANDIDACY.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: GONZALEZ IS COOPERATIVE WITH EMB OFFICERS AND UNDERSTANDING OF US POSITIONS, EVEN IF NOT ALWAYS IN AGREEMENT WITH THEM. HIS PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE IS OF THE HIGHEST ORDER. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO INFO FROM DEPARTMENT REGARDING GONZALEZ' CANDIDACY, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND HE RECEIVE USG SUPPORT. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP. LUCEY

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